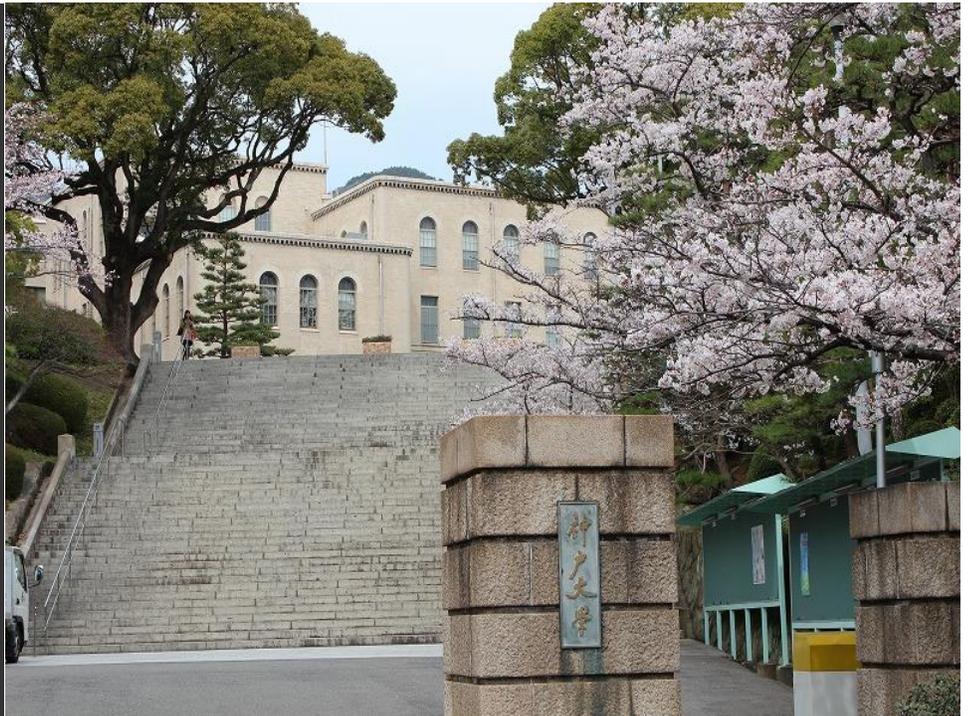


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KOBE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LAW INTRODUCES THE "GMAP IN LAW COURSE"

In February 2015, the Kobe University's Graduate School of Law introduced its first English Masters Programme the **GMAP in Law Course** which kick-started on April 2015, with a second intake due to start in October 2015.

The programme will be held over a period of two years whereby students will be attending lectures on International Business Law subjects entirely in the English language. Students are also required to participate in mooted workshops and competitions; intern at selected foreign law firms and/or arbitration institutions for a duration of one to three months; and to turn in a written thesis or research paper of about 10,000 – 20,000 words in English, to graduate from the course with a Masters of Laws (LL.M).

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Introduction to Legal English

“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out”

-Robert Collier-

On 6 April 2015 the GMAP in Law Programme began with its first lecture: **“Introduction to Legal English 1”** by Professor Keith Carpenter.

As the GMAP in Law Programme is a course held entirely in English, this class, while not mandatory is an important class for all students involved.

Approximately 11 students attended the lecture, which syllabus will cover primarily the United States and United Kingdom's legal system as well as civil law systems.

Some of the topics that will be included in the syllabus will be amongst others, Studying Law & Legal English, Contract Law, Tort Law, Real Property Law and International Law.

The class is an interactive class with students encouraged to actively participate by asking questions and speaking English to each other.

Studying a foreign language is no simple feat and students are further encouraged to study after lectures, making English part of their daily lives instead of confining it to the classroom while finding other ways to make learning enjoyable.

As Professor Carpenter had so aptly shared, *“Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out”*; students are therefore advised to not be easily discouraged and to plod on in their quest to master the English Language.

:: For further information on the Introduction to Legal English 1 Course or for extra English Support

Classes, please feel free to contact Professor Carpenter at **keith@people.kobe-u.ac.jp** ::





Diversity of Transnational Criminal Justice

Kobe University Graduate School of Law and Queen Mary University of London School of Law Symposium on International Law

On 10 April 2015, Kobe University's Graduate School of Law in collaboration with the Queen Mary University of London, School of Law ("QMUL") organized a symposium on international law with criminal law being the main topic of discussion.

Due to the multitude of cross border transactions today and with the spread of globalization, criminals and crimes have been spilling out across borders and the symposium sought to address some of the types of crimes committed and the measures that had been taken through international conventions and whether these measures can or should be improved.

The Symposium was divided into four sessions, as follows:

Session 1: Criminal Aspects of International Law

Session 2: Transnational Criminal Justice and the Protection of Art and National Heritage

Session 3: Human Rights Aspects of Criminal Law

Session 4: Criminal Aspects in New Areas of International Law

The visiting professors and lecturers from QMUL i.e. Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice, Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas, Saskia Maria Hufnagel, and Angelos Dimopoulos all gave interesting lectures in their area of expertise in each of the sessions.

The QMUL guest speakers were also joined by professors and lecturers from other universities such as Professor Mari Takeuchi from Okayama University; Associate Professor Stefan Grubber from Kyoto University; and Yuri Takaya from Kobe University, who each gave their own respective lectures on their findings and views on international criminal law.

For more information on the lectures presented at the symposium, the presentation slides and papers are available on: http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/STP/GMAPs/programme_0410.html

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The main purpose of the course is to equip students with the skills required to perform in the international business arena, which more often than not uses the English language as its main medium of communication.

As such the courses under the programme have been designed to assist students in acquiring the basic knowledge of law, economics and management.

Besides the mandatory lectures required the course also provides optional lectures with the aim of examining and understanding the theoretical and practical issues of International Business Law.

Further, by exposing the students to internship programmes in law firms and/or arbitration institutions outside of Japan, namely in Malaysia, Vietnam, Myanmar and Korea; the students are expected to acquire the skills and knowledge which will enable them to function effectively and competently in an international legal and/or business environment.

Since the course will be held entirely in English it is pertinent that students do have a good command of the language, and the programme aims to assist each student in developing their individual reading, writing and speaking skills in English with a special focus on Legal English in this programme.

Hence through the successful completion of this programme by the students, students are expected to be fully capable in engaging in any legal and business practise in English in the International and Japanese business arena.

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Places to go: Yoshino - A Thousand Sakura : 千本桜

Spring in Japan always brings to mind Japan's cherry blossoms, or better known throughout the world as Sakura.

So what would be better than being able to view a thousand Sakura?

The end of March and the beginning of April is the best time to view Sakura in Japan and Yoshino Yama/Mountain (吉野山) in the Yoshino district, Nara Prefecture offers one of the best places for flower viewing, or better known as *Hanami* (花見).

The different types and colours of the Sakura will definitely leave visitors spell bound with awe.

In 2004 it was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site under the name Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Route in the Kii Mountain Range.

That said there are many beautiful shrines/temples to be visited on the mountain such as Yoshino Mikumari Shrine, Kimpu Shrine and Kimpusen Temple whilst visitors enjoy the beauty of the Sakuras.

Definitely a place to go during the Sakura season!

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Events: International Welcome Party

In conjunction with the arrival of Professor Cai Congyan from Xiamen University Law School; the international students; and the new staff for the GMAP in Law programme a international welcome party was held at the University's restaurant Sakura on 20th April 2015.

The event was kept small and private with the students, professors/lecturers and staff mingling freely after a brief introduction by all the attendees.

Visiting Professor Cai will be teaching **International Investment Law 1** for the GMAP in Law programme this semester and will be available in the University until the first week of May 2015.

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International Economic Law and Transnational Law: A Social-Legal Perspective

Through globalization, many business transactions today have spilled across its own borders into other nations as international transactions have now become commonplace. Naturally with such progression, there should be means to regulate it.

Professor Roger Cotterrell from the Queen Mary University of London, School of Law has attempted to address this in his lecture given on 9th April 2015. Whereby he introduced the term *Transnational Law*; not an entirely new term, and one in which may scholars have adopted to indicate new legal relations, influences, controls, regimes, doctrines and systems that are not municipal law, but yet also not fully grasped by the extended definitions of the scope of international law.

Professor Cotterrell's lecture explores the relationships between international economic law and the emerging forms of transnational law and the approach to clarify the nature of the laws regulating transnational economic relations and the basis of its authority and legitimacy. He draws on recent analyses of transnational private law and considers their relevance for international economic law; he also discussed on how the approach that he lectured about emphasizes a major problem for international economic law, and how to lessen the remoteness of regulators from the experience and aspirations of the regulated.

For more information and the full paper on Professor Cotterrell's lecture, please refer to <http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/info/20150409paper.pdf>

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Application for the GMAP in Law Programme, October 2015 intake

Students wishing to apply for the October 2015 intake should ensure that they apply for the course before the **middle of May 2015**. Details on the application procedure can be found on the Kobe University Graduate School of Law & Faculty of Law website at http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/kobe_univ_global/english/admission/graduate.html.

Admission requirements include the submission of your test score for an English proficiency test (e.g. TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS etc.); a research plan of 1,500 words; and an interview (via Skype for foreign students).

Foreign students are welcome to apply for this programme!



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